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Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

At page 1, line 4, following "application is a" please insert continuation of  
U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 08/974,549, which is a--.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please add the following claims:

--21. An isolated polynucleotide encoding a protein subunit of *Euplotes aediculatus* telomerase, wherein said protein has the sequence set forth in Figure 10.

22. The polynucleotide of claim 21 having the sequence set forth in Figure 9--.